GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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Encroachment by China
Ajmal Shri Sirajuddin

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

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(a) the number of air and ground violations done by China during the last three years and the current year, year-wise;

(b) the action taken by the Government in this regard;

(c) whether China has allegedly encroached into Sikkim and Arunachal Pradesh and is in possession of Indian areas;

(d) if so, the details thereof including the estimated population residing in these areas; and

(e) the details of territorial and administrative arrangements put in place for safety and security of the Indian territory?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
(SHRI M. J. AKBAR)

(a) & (b) There is no commonly delineated Line of Actual Control (LAC) in the border areas between India and China. From time to time, on account of differences in the perception of the LAC, situations have arisen on the ground that could have been avoided if we had a common perception of the LAC. Government regularly takes up any transgression along the LAC with the Chinese side through established mechanisms including border personnel meetings, flag meetings, meetings of Working Mechanism for Consultation & Coordination on India-China Border Affairs and diplomatic channels. The two sides agree that peace and tranquility on the border is the basis for the continued expansion of India-China relations.

(c) & (d) China disputes the international boundary between India and China. In the Eastern Sector, China claims approximately 90,000 square kilometers of Indian territory in the State of Arunachal Pradesh. The fact that Arunachal Pradesh is an integral and inalienable part of India has been clearly conveyed to the Chinese side on several occasions, including at the highest level.

(e) Government keeps a constant watch on all developments having a bearing on India's security and takes all necessary measures to safeguard it.